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Mr. Freer's Announcement.

From several distinct, and presumably authentic, sources the Intelligencer learns that Hon. Romeo H. Freer, representing the Fourth West Virginia district in Congress has definitely announced his candidacy for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. There has been so much assertion and denial with respect to Mr. Freer's intentions in this connection that it is a matter of congratulation that the situation has been relieved of further doubt.

On December 21, of last year, Mr. A. B. White made his announcement in a clear cut manner, and what the Intelligencer said of him at that time may be applied with the same pertinency to Mr. Freer, and if it should be the humor of the convention to select neither gentleman, we presume to speak for Mr. Freer, as we did for Mr. White, that it will abate nothing of his ardor for the success of the ticket.

It must not be understood that all of the good Republican gubernatorial timber has been exhausted with Mr. White or Mr. Freer. The convention is some time in the future, and before it meets other equally able gentlemen may aspire to the honor. There is no rule or dictum of the party that will prevent any available Republican from having his name considered at that time. Above all things it is important that the party should be harmonious and united, and no man should be selected who would endanger that desirable condition of affairs.

Demagogy Run Mad.

In a virulent and evil-tempered attack on Great Britain the Weekly Democratic Magazine in an editorial, under the caption "This Nation Should Aid the Boers," offers some vile observations. It claims that the "so-called Maine hospital ship should also be officially repudiated. It is a libel on the name and memory of the brave American boat that found a grave in the waters of Havana bay, wrecked by an internal machine, manufactured by some of Joseph Chamberlain's assassin friends in Birmingham. The degenerate American women who in their toadyism are impervious to the snubs of England's spavined aristocracy have long since forfeited all claims to the courtesy ordinarily accorded to their sex. They disgrace a name held sacred in the hearts of Americans by giving it to an old hulk luxuriously fitted up as a place of dilution with English officers who are glad of any excuse to skeddaddle from the bullets of the Boers.

But the withdrawal of the nation's sympathy and moral support from the side of perfidy, aggression and tyranny is not enough. The traditions of the country dictate that positive and practical aid be given to the Boers. Grateful remembrance for assistance given to ourselves in the hour of peril, no less than duty, commands this policy. All of which is the merest bosh. How can the United States repudiate a thing it has never assumed responsibility for? The Democratic Magazine might as well demand that the United States government order the city of Birmingham, Alabama, to change its name because there is a Birmingham in England. The reflections on the women of American birth who have married Englishmen, and are engaged in the cause of humanity are vile enough to bear their own comment. The temper of the Democratic Magazine is demagoguery run mad.

We do not understand the implication that we are under any obligations to the Boer republic, and that "grateful remembrance for assistance given to ourselves in the hour of peril, no less than duty" commands us to aid them. But we do know of the hour of peril when the continental nations of Europe were about to go to the aid of that driving and crushingly oppressive monarchy, Spain, Great Britain stepped in and said "No." When it comes to "grateful remembrance" for assistance in the hour of peril our gratitude is owing to England. We, at least, should have the decency to maintain some outward show of honor, even if our sympathies were wholly with the Boers.

According to a communication published elsewhere, the Taylor county Republicans are girding up their loins for the coming fight, and they promise a

majority that will be out of the power of the "purple pencil" to vitiate. The Intelligencer is glad to note these early preparations, and it would be well for other communities to follow in this line. Thorough organization and good men on the ticket are sure to win.

Baseless Charges.

In speaking of the accusations lodged against Secretary Gage with reference to alleged favoritism in depositing the government funds with certain New York banks, the Journal of Commerce says the charge had absolutely no foundation on which to stand. "All the banks," adds that paper, "that offered the required security received the deposits pro rata, except the five that offered the largest security. Only two banks offered security sufficient to cover the daily collections of internal revenue, and these banks did not receive the full amounts they had a right to expect. All banks were invited to become depositories; very many accepted the invitation; the selection of the bank for the collection and distribution of these funds was dictated by its very large offer of security. In all of this there is absolutely no room for suspicion of favoritism.

In paying for the old custom house property the National City Bank may be supposed to have desired to avoid taking title and making the property subject to taxation, but the action of both the bank and the treasury was entirely lawful and the liability of the property to taxation is not prejudged. The bank was not obliged to pay more than \$750,000 upon the closing of the contract. It elected to pay the full contract price, lacking only \$50,000. The deed was not to be delivered till the completion of the payment and the bank may have withheld \$50,000 to avoid taking title and subjecting the property to assessment, but whether it has succeeded in that is for the proper authorities to decide. The treasury department has not decided it; it regards itself as the tenant of the bank and has asked Congress to appropriate the rent.

The only question left relates to the disposition of the purchase money. The reason for leaving internal revenue collections with the banks was equally good for leaving this miscellaneous receipt with the banks. It was deposited with all the internal revenue collections in the National City Bank, and allotments of all the funds of the government in this bank were made to other depositories. At no point does it appear that the treasury showed any favoritism to the National City Bank or the Hanover National Bank, and the fact that the deposits in these banks are very much less than the security deposited by them, and that the secretary refused to allow the deposits to accumulate in the National City Bank till its deposit was covered before transferring funds to other depositories, indicates that the two banks that put up the largest amount of security did not fare quite so well as the other applicants for public deposits.

The Sound Money Democrats.

Colonel Bryan, in the usual optimistic tone he assumes when talking of himself, is reported to have declared that the Gold Democrats would not amount to anything this year, that they were not of sufficient consequence to be considered as a factor in the presidential problem. This is whistling a very loud tune to support a waning courage. If the Gold Democrats pursue the same course they did in 1896—and we do not see how they can pursue any other under the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform—they will be a considerable obstacle to Colonel Bryan's presidential aspirations. The Democratic party, as at present constituted, has done nothing to conciliate those honest minded men who refused to support the Populist-free-silver doctrines for which Bryan stood in 1896. On the other hand it has let no opportunity pass to further estrange the sound money element that supported Palmer and Buckner. For instance, that inculcated Bryan organ, the Cincinnati Enquirer, the other day had this to say: "Senator John M. Palmer, of Illinois, is said to be writing a book of recollections. There is a sufficient number of really great men in the United States to justify the country in forgetting John M. Palmer and all that he remembers. The chief remembrance of Palmer will be that he ran as an assistant Republican candidate for President in 1896, a performance that was not justified even by an honest difference of opinion with the majority of the party to which he had been most recently attached."

Regarding this slap at General Palmer and his associates in the sound money movement the New York Mail and Express very pointedly remarks: "The spirit of this tyrannical dogmatism is entirely characteristic of the Bryanized Democracy. It holds that partyism is higher than patriotism, that the conscience of the individual can have no proper influence in determining his party fealty, and that if the majority of his party repudiates an obligation of moral principle he must do the same or be branded as a renegade. This bold assertion of Bryanite tyranny exactly describes the treatment which the honest money Democrats must expect in the forthcoming campaign. They have been outlawed by their party."

Senator Elkins, in a note to the editor of the Intelligencer, says: "It may be of interest to the lawyers in your city to learn through your paper that the University Library has been made a depository for the recently compiled statutes of the District of Columbia, a work of value to attorneys having a case before the courts of the district."

Faith to one's party should not be gauged by one's adoration of an individual—only the ignorant are worshippers of idols.—Weekly Democratic Magazine. Then, why in the name of Diana of Ephesus don't you upset the brazen image that poses for the free silver idolaters? Or, are "the ignorant" too far gone in their mad infatuation?

The meeting of the chamber of commerce this evening is a highly important one and should be attended by every member of that organization.

It is to be hoped that a fair share of that \$25,000,000 the Baltimore & Ohio intends to spend in improving the line between Pittsburgh and Chicago, will fall to Wheeling. We are right on the line

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Planning to meet a note is mature deliberation.

It is best to go slow when betting on fast horses.

Action and reaction are not equal in the stock market.

A man may mean well, but you are never quite certain of it.

Some people pass their good resolutions on the first reading.

The lay of the ben is more valuable than the song of the lark.

Happy is the bride the sun shines on—if she isn't afraid of freckles.

Many a man would have a better wife if he wasn't such a poor husband.

The man who takes the cake thinks it is no more than his just deserts.

The balance of trade should be sealed by the inspector of weights and measures.

A woman usually puts up a first-class glove fight when she attempts to put on a new pair.

Some one will be sure to take your advice if you have it engraved on the handle of a fire umbrella.

You can learn more about a man in ten minutes after it is too late than you could in ten years before.

There is nothing like poverty to give one a practical knowledge of the scarcity of the milk of human kindness.—Chicago News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Every woman gives more Christmas presents than she gets, and every man gets less than he gives.

When a man gets the doctor's bill for his first baby it is always a lot bigger than his wife told him they always charge.

If the average man was really in love every time he thought he was the love country would have to turn Mormon to be respectable.

As soon as an old bachelor begins to know enough for his own good all the married women begin to insinuate that he knows more than he has any business to.

When a girl that a man thinks he has all right turns him down he feels 'most as injured as though he had had to stop to be polite right in the middle of a long drink of water.—New York Press.

Things That Are Worth Doing Well.

In the course of an article in The Youth's Companion on "Ambition; True and False," Bishop Potter, of New York, says: "One of the saddest things in life is to see how much time and how much pains are spent upon things that are not worth either. In art, it is true, where things endure, make an exquisite bit of carving, or one of Mellesonier's paintings, or a lovely miniature, the beauty and perfection are of so fine and high a kind that to spend much time and labor upon them, and to be ambitious for an excellence (that which excels), of that kind, is at any rate intelligible. But the people who spend weeks engraving 'Home, Sweet Home' on a ten-cent piece, or doing anything else of a kind which, when it is done, is not worth doing, they are, I cannot but think, the victims of an ambition that is both false and foolish."

"If one is beginning life with a few fixed rules, one of them may well be: 'That is that is best worth doing? Can I do it? And if I can, is it worth while throwing away time and strength upon what is not? Take the matter of our reading. One of the things that, when we are young, we do not realize is that, when we are older and find ourselves among people and hear them talk of what we know nothing about, we are the leastest mortifications of life will be the consciousness of our own ignorance. We will remember then, perhaps, the books we have read, and of what poor stuff many of them were; and we will realize that, if we had given the time that they have cost us to books worth reading, we would have been fit companions for educated people, and happy and at ease in their society."

"And so of almost anything and of everything else. It is not so much that one wants to do better work that makes a true and honorable ambition, as that he wants to do the best. The people who do the really great things are the people who have gotten, first of all, a sense of proportion, and who know what it is worth, which is it worth while to spend their time, and by means of which to help to teach their fellow-men."

"The tablecloth in Leonardo da Vinci's great picture of the Last Supper, and what da Vinci did with it, are worth remembering just here. The picture has been engraved and copied all over the world, and most of my readers have seen reproductions of it, with the wonderful figures of Jesus and St. John, which are its crowning glories. But when it was first exhibited, it is said that everybody exclaimed: 'How marvelous is the painting of the threads of the tablecloth!' until Leonardo himself, when he saw it, said: 'I should ignore in the picture what was really great, for something that was an insignificant detail, seized his brush and impetuously painted the details in the tablecloth all out. It was a fine lesson in proportion which we may recall to help us distinguish in any work between a mere ambition to excel and an ambition to excel in what is worth doing."

No Pockets in a Shroud.

O ye who bow at Mammon's shrine,
Whose hearts with greed are growing cold,
Who turn your backs on things divine
And worship but the god of gold,
What will it profit you when death
Lays low the head so kingly proud
And robs the wasted form of breath?
There are no pockets in a shroud.

Your thoughts by day, your dreams by night,
Are but of grasping golden gain,
Your guide but the beacons light
Of riches turning in your brain.
You cast all nobler aims behind
And struggle as a maddening crowd
To clutch the dollars, but you'll find
There are no pockets in a shroud.

Ye users who grind the poor
Beneath a cold, relentless heel,
Who overshadow many a door
With clouds of misery, and feel
No sympathy to see them lie
Beneath the hand of sorrow cowed,
Remember, when you come to die,
There are no pockets in a shroud.

What is the profit to the man
Whose life to Mammon has been given?
A bridge of gold can never span
The gulf between the east and heaven!
What will it be to him to find
In eternity's strange dawn?
Yet in the hungry greed for gains
Too many at the gold-shrine bow'd,
To clutch the dollars, but you'll find
There are no pockets in a shroud.

—Denver Post.

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CLIMATE OF NATAL.

The Weather to be Expected During the African War.

London Pall Mall Gazette: Consisting, as it does, of a series of terraces rising from the coast to the Drakensberg mountains, the highest point of which is two and one-quarter miles above sea level, Natal must necessarily have considerable variations in climate. The climate is officially described as "warm, temperate and sub-tropical—continental rather than insular." Natal is undoubtedly a healthy colony, and in this respect differs from its neighbor, Delagoa Bay, where the malarial swamps are contributory to the heavy death rate. The nearest approach to Natal's climatic conditions in Europe may be found in Northern Italy. In both countries there are warm, low-lying valleys, breezy uplands and high mountain ranges.

There are two distinct seasons in Natal—and only two—summer and winter. Spring and autumn are practically non-existent. Summer lasts from October and March. During this period the sun rises at 5 o'clock and sets at 7. In midwinter it rises at 7 o'clock and sets at 5. In winter, such as we know in this country, does not exist. Summer is the rainy season in Natal, and, naturally, the most unhealthy. At Durban the rainfall is forty inches per annum, and at Pietermaritzburg it is thirty-eight inches, while the average number of days on which rain falls during the year is 117 at Pietermaritzburg and 135 in Durban. The average rainfall during each summer month is about 5 inches.

The heat on the coast is moist and clammy, and very trying during December and January. The average temperature for Durban for the year is 69½ degrees, with extremes of 43 degrees and 98 degrees, respectively. The farther inland you go from the coast the cooler it gets, and at Pietermaritzburg the average temperature for the year is 54 degrees, with extremes of 34 degrees and 84 degrees, respectively. The heat of summer in the uplands, that is from Pietermaritzburg to the west, is relieved by frequent thunderstorms and hailstorms, the latter of which do much damage. Another climatic drawback, more unpleasant than serious, is the north-east wind, a hot, parching wind, which blows from the north, sometimes for days at a time, generally followed by a thunderstorm and a cool southwest wind. The nights during summer in the uplands of Natal are usually cool, though the heat of the day is scorching, and in Ladysmith one may be oppressed with heat, and yet see the snow-crowned berg in the near distance.

It may be asserted, without any doubt whatever, that Natal's climate is a healthy one, the death rate in Durban being 16.71 per 1,000 per annum last year, as compared with 14.5 in Pietermaritzburg. The chief maladies during the hot weather are dysentery, typhoid and diarrhoea, death from the latter two frequently being caused by drinking contaminated water and eating quantities of unripe peaches and other fruit. If the military authorities exercise careful supervision as to the water and fruit supply, and precautions are taken against sunstroke, the mortality among English troops in Natal due to disease ought to be very small.

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"Of course you are a lineal descendant of some one who came over in the Mayflower?"

"I don't know. It is possible that I am, but I have never hunted up the records."

"Well," she went on, "you are descended from an officer of the Revolutionary war, aren't you?"

Finding himself cornered, he broke down and confessed.

"My father's name," he said, "was Szecherendowaki, which he changed to Dows with the sanction of the court."

She sat for a moment, almost crushed. Then hope seemed to return to her and she asked:

"How much did you say you expected your father to leave you?"

"I figure that my share of the estate will be about \$2,000,000," he said.

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